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MEMORANDUM FOR : [] Historical Officer,
Office of Security

FROM : Support Services Historical Officer (SSHO)

SUBJECT : Personnel Security

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1. I have completed my review of the draft history of Personnel Security. [] obviously did a great amount of research, but he has had a very difficult time trying to put the information into focus on Personnel Security. Far too frequently, he has been diverted to the broader problems of Security per se. The result is a mixed bag--sometimes the reader is given a good historical segment, but this will be lost in transition to another completely unrelated topic.

2. Although I have attempted to tighten up some portions of the paper, there is a great deal of editorial work yet to be done. In addition to the many deletions which I have suggested, there are yet others to be made. In his writing, [] needs 25X1 to be encouraged to go directly to the point he wishes to make. It appears that, perhaps, he has developed a natural caution in his professional security work and that this has tended to inhibit his writing style. His unwillingness to omit detail, even though it may have little or no value to the overall story of personnel security, creates additional problems for the reader.

3. Although some effort has been made to include illustrative cases, the paper needs more specifics. In terms of personnel security, for example, what problems are commonly encountered with Headquarters staff employees and how have some of these been handled? What kinds of things have security officers managed to keep out of the newspapers? What formal or informal working relationships have been established with local authorities concerning the involvement of Agency personnel? What common or uncommon problems are presented by the marriages/divorces among Agency personnel in both the domestic and overseas areas?

Does the high number of social contacts with foreigners in the Headquarters area present particular problems for personnel security? What problems have been presented by requests of staff employees for clearance of writings or speeches? What publications and speeches have been prohibited by the Office of Security? What

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concessions, if any, have been made in recent years regarding employment of those with records of drug violation--any distinction being made between pot and other drugs? What problems have been created for staff employees by children who may have dropped out or joined Radi-Lib groups?

4. After you have re-examined the report in light of the suggestions and questions which I have raised, I will be happy to discuss the paper with you again. One thing is for sure, the next version should be much shorter!

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